

**NETWORK ELEMENT CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY INCLUDING STACKED
ELECTRICAL AND OPTICAL CONNECTOR INTERFACES**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0037] A network element connector assembly including Stacked electrical and optical connector is disclosed. According to one embodiment, an apparatus is provided which includes an optical connector interface to couple an optical network connector with a mounting surface, an electrical connector interface to couple an electrical network connector with the mounting surface, where the optical connector interface and electrical connector interface are vertically aligned with one another with respect to the mounting surface, and where the optical connector interface and electrical connector interface are associated with a network element port.